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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

Thank you for your leadership and support for Community Project Requests and hope that you will continue these important efforts. I am requesting \$1,150,000 for Spokane County to modernize equipment at their medical examiner facility. Specifically, these funds will be used to purchase equipment such as a Computerized Tomography (CT) body scanner to support regional Medical Examiner and Coroner forensic death investigations. This request would be filed under the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Facilities Construction and Equipment grant program. The total cost of the project is \$5 million and if federal funding will not provide the full project costs, Spokane County will be able to access funds from both Spokane County general funds as well as state funds.

Funds provided to Spokane County for this project will be used to continue to deliver professional, scientific, and compassionate forensic death investigation services to the public. The facility has been built and is currently operating. This facility is essential to Washington's 5th Congressional district because it is a critical way for residents to receive timely information about a family member's death and is used as a conduit to inform the public and elected officials about death investigations and how the community might need to respond to certain crises.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress